

The hour having arrived for taking up the order of the day, the house proceeded to consider the bill reported by Mr. Hunt, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to reduce into one the several acts of Assembly respecting elections, and to regulate such elections.

On motion by Mr. Hunt, the house was called, and the doorkeeper sent for the absent members.

On motion by Mr. Carmichael, the house resolved to proceed with the ordinary business of the session, during the absence of the doorkeeper.

The clerk of the Senate returned the bill, entitled, An act to repeal all such parts of the constitution and form of government, as relates to the division of Somerset county, into election districts; endorsed, "will pass," ordered to be engrossed;

Also, the bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act appointing commissioners for the town of Oxford, in Talbot county;

Also, the bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Marcey Fountain, former collector of taxes for Caroline county; severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments," which amendments were severally read the first and second time by special order, assented to, and the bills ordered to be engrossed;

And, the resolution relating to the states claim to certain land in Harford county; endorsed, "assented to," ordered to be engrossed.

The doorkeeper having returned, reported that in obedience to order, he had notified the absent members that their attendance in the house was required.

The house then resumed the consideration of the order of the day;

Mr. Brawner offered as a substitute for said bill, the following:

WHEREAS, The congress of the United States have not acted definitively upon the apportionment bill, fixing the ratio of representatives, from the several states in this Union; and it is therefore uncertain what number of electors of president and vice-president of the United States, this state may be entitled to; and it is deemed more expedient to adopt some measure to answer the exigency of the occasion, than to subject the state to an expense of a called session of the legislature—Therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That for the purpose of choosing electors of the president and vice president of the United States, at